



# The Naturalization Process

## Preparation

- Confirm your eligibility to naturalize
- Collect personal data including immigration and travel history
- Collect required documents
- Draft naturalization application

## File Application

- Review application with attorney
- Submit application to government
- Receive confirmation of successful filing

## Biometrics Appointment

- Government assigns appointment to appear for fingerprinting
- Attend biometrics appointment and keep your stamped receipt

## Monitor Pending Case

- Check case status periodically on [uscis.gov](https://uscis.gov)
- Study materials for the civics and English tests
- Prepare for the interview
- Respond to any government requests for additional information

## Interview

- Government assigns you an interview date
- Interview covers eligibility
- Civics and English tests are given during the interview

## Oath Ceremony

- Government assigns you an oath ceremony date
- At the ceremony you formally become a U.S. citizen
- The ceremony is a fun event open to you and your guests, so bring family and friends to celebrate with you

## Update Paperwork

- Apply for a U.S. Passport
- Register to vote
- Notify the Social Security Administration
- Update your paperwork with your employer
- Update IDs if you changed your name
- Consider petitioning for relatives